



Softball Field Renovation Committee
Milton, New Hampshire
Minute of the Meeting
Wednesday, March 8, 2017
Emma Ramsey Community Center

Board Members Present: Pat Smith, Karen Brown, Michelle Beauchamp, Fred Cameron, John Katwick, Doug Shute and Earl Sussman, Scott Currier & Bob Adams.

Public: Alexx Monastiero, Walter Cheney, Mike Beaulieu, Emilee Flanagan, Devon Hurley, Samantha Hamblen, David Barca, Jr. & David Barca Sr.

The meeting was opened at 10:00 am.

Minutes: The Committee reviewed the minutes of the 3/1/2017 meeting.

- Michelle Beauchamp motioned to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Pat Smith. Motion passed.

Fundraising

Community Dinner: Devon Hurley shared that she was in the process of planning and organizing the Girls' Softball Community Dinner to be held on Thursday, March 16, 2017, beginning at 6:00 pm. There will be tickets on sale prior to the event so that people who would like to purchase them, but may not be able to attend, can do so. Devon is in the process of creating a poster of the event. Once it is finished she will send it to Karen to be posted on all the Facebook pages Karen has access to.

T-Shirts: Karen volunteered to take over the design of the t-shirt and will get in touch with Jamie Thyng at Flippin T's to get a price per shirt. Karen will bring the information back to the board to see how they want to proceed.

Formation of a Non-profit: It was the consensus of the board to move forward with forming a non-profit for the benefit of being able to apply for grants that the municipality may not be eligible to participate in. Many aspects of this was discussed. Karen will look further into who can/cannot be on the board. She has already contacted the IRS, and LGC for their opinions. She will also contact Terry Knowles at the NH Charitable Trust Unit to see if anyone would be disqualified from participating in the organization. The group also discussed the name of the group. Michelle Beauchamp will work on the mission statement and other paperwork that John Katwick shared with the group from another organization that had done a lot of the preparation work when they were looking into forming their own 501c organization.

- Bob Adams motioned to adopt the name "Salmon Falls Youth Sports Association" for the new organization, seconded by John Katwick. Motion passed.

Donation: Walter Cheney and Alexx Monastiero, from the Cheney Group, a land development organization from Newmarket shared with the group that they would like to make a donation and pay for the remainder of the fencing needed to complete the field project. This donation will complete the renovation project, and allow for the fencing to be put in place for the girl's

projected first home game on April 14th, if the field is dry enough to use. The group was very excited about this donation, as were the girls who were in attendance. There were hugs shared and some tears shed as the girls thanked Mr. Cheney & Alexx for their very generous donation. The group needs to wait until after the election to see if the warrants pass that are being presented to the residents for the acceptance of donations on behalf of the selectmen and for the formation of the ballfield expendable fund. Once we know what the outcome of the vote will be, we will move forward with finalizing the contract with AAA Fencing, and Karen will let Mr. Cheney know what is needed for funding. Fred Cameron cautioned that there needs to be a plan in place in the event that this field is not dry enough to play on by the first scheduled game. Scott Currier shared that it is not untypical for the schedule to be moved around when fields are not ready to be utilized because of the weather or field conditions.

Pat Smith, as well as the rest of the group expressed our very heart felt appreciation to the Cheney Group on behalf of this project. This donation went above and beyond any anticipated gifts, and will allow the project to be completed and in place for the girls 2017 season.

Dugouts: Scout Master, David Barca, Sr. & his son David Barca Jr. were present to give the group an update on the Eagle Scout Project of building the dugouts for the field. They have researched what type of stain would be appropriate for them and have been told that an oil based stain would be best. There are a couple of finish boards still needed, as well as staining and shingles to complete the projects. They will move forward as soon as they know what color the school/girls would like. Bob Adams will work with them on selecting the color.

Irrigation System: Pat Smith, John Katwick & Fred Cameron will be going to the site of the new football/Soccer/Lacrosse field to look over where the placement of the irrigation system and the well would need to be. They will walk the site and take some measurements. The field needs to be well thought out for future development. The idea of adding a running/walking track around the parameter of the field was also discussed. There are a lot of residents who would benefit from the addition of a track as well as both the schools. There are currently no safe places for runners/walker to enjoy their recreation at the present time in either Milton or Milton Mills.

Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting will be at the Emma Ramsey Center on Wednesday, March 15th at 10:00 am. By then the group will know the outcome of the elections.

Adjourn: Michelle Beauchamp motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 seconded by Fred Cameron. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned: 10:39.

Respectfully submitted;

Karen J. Brown
Town of Milton
Recreation Director

Minutes Approved, Date: _____